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ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE: September is National Recovery Month

Events to be Held Monthlong

In their ongoing fight to bring awareness to the national impact of opioid addiction and signal hope for recovery, Rockville's Mayor and Council proclaimed September as National Recovery Month at their Monday, Aug. 2 meeting.

Lights at City Hall, the Rockville City Police Department headquarters and other city and county facilities will once again shine purple throughout the month.

The city will hold several events throughout September as part of Rockville Goes Purple, the city's continuing campaign to highlight the nationwide impact and dangers of opioid addiction.

The theme of this year's campaign is "Opioids: Let's Talk About It," which encourages dialogue about, and openness around, the problems of opioid addiction, and awareness about the dangers of stigmatizing addiction.

"Whether we realize it or not, opioids have impacted all of our families, mine included, and it's critical we all unite to keep bringing awareness to a crisis that has only become more acute during the pandemic," Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton said. "As always, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville will lend their voices to that effort."

Opioids were involved in 90.1% of all overdose deaths in 2020, a higher annual proportion than at any other time. The state saw 499 opioid-related fatalities last year, an increase of 18.7% from 2019.

In 2020, Rockville city police responded to 23 reports of heroin or opioid overdoses, an 8% decrease from 2019, and nine reports of heroin or opioid possession, a 47% decrease, according to the department's annual crime report.

"As we transition back to post-COVID living, we need to realize that the effects of the pandemic, which have led to an alarming overall rise in addiction and use, will be with us for a long time to come," said Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, who, with Mayor Newton, co-chairs the Rockville

Goes Purple committee. "It's critical that we continue our campaign to educate our community about that threat, and continue to talk about it."

Events Throughout the Month

The Mayor and Council will hold a **remembrance ceremony outside City Hall to honor those impacted by the opioid crisis**, Monday, Sept. 13, before their first meeting returning to official business following their summer recess.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. with information and resources tables that will offer assistance from local organizations. The program will begin at 5:45 p.m. and feature a keynote address by Montgomery County Circuit Court Associate Judge Debra L. Dwyer. The event will be broadcast live on Rockville 11, channel 11 and Municipal Broadcast Network 997 on county cable, and livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

The Mayor and Council will host a virtual WebEx, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, to **discuss the HBO documentary, "The Crime of the Century,"** with guest Jonathan Novak, a former DEA attorney who took part in the documentary. See details, as they develop, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillegoespurple.

Local artist Suzanne Firstenberg's **opioid-related art installation** will return to City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

A **panel discussion with experts** from a range of local organizations will begin airing Sept. 1 on Rockville 11 and the city's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/cityofrockville.

Other events will include a **drug take-back day**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Rockville City Police Department, and **trainings in the opioid overdose reversal drug Narcan** at noon, Tuesday, Sept. 14 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28.

To learn more about the Rockville Goes Purple campaign, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillegoespurple. ✚



Robert E. Dawson Appointed as Rockville's Corporate Counsel

Will Become Next City Attorney on Admission to Maryland Bar

The Mayor and Council appointed Virginia attorney Robert E. Dawson as the city's corporate counsel at their Monday, June 19 meeting, a title he will hold until he is admitted to the Maryland Bar, when he will officially become Rockville's new city attorney.

Dawson assumed the post on Monday, Aug. 23. As an experienced attorney, his admission to the bar is expected to take two to six months.

Cynthia Walters has served as Rockville's acting city at-

torney over the past year. She will continue in that role until Dawson is admitted to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Dawson, who has more than two decades' experience in the legal field, most recently served as a senior assistant county attorney to Arlington County, Virginia.

For the past 17 years, Dawson has advised and counseled various government entities that include boards of supervisors, city councils, *continued on pg. 7...*



Robert E. Dawson

COVID-19: Face-Covering Requirement Inside All City Buildings

Delta Variant Transmission Has Led to Concern

Face coverings are now mandatory for all visitors to Rockville facilities, as the city continues its efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. The requirement applies to all staff and visitors aged 2 and older, whatever their vaccination status.

City staff and the Mayor and Council continue to review city protocols as health guidance and conditions evolve daily, and will adjust requirements for city facilities accordingly.

Rockville's boards and commissions will continue to meet remotely, as will the Mayor and Council. No date has been set for the reopening of City Hall.

Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito announced the policy



"out of an abundance of caution for health, safety and better peace of mind for all."

The Montgomery County Council approved a regulation on Aug. 5 reinstating face coverings in public indoor areas when the county reaches "substantial" COVID-19 transmission. The county face-covering requirement took effect Aug. 7. ✚

Mayor and Council Adopt Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Master Plan

Sets Vision, Goals for City's Future

The Mayor and Council adopted the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan update Monday, Aug. 2, following a yearslong process that involved hundreds of voices from the community, elected and ap-

pointed leaders and city staff, which helped shape the final document.

Rockville's comprehensive plan sets a vision and goals for the future of the city, with practi- *continued on pg. 3...*



IN THIS EDITION:
The Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report!

Facts and figures on Rockville's progress from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Labor Day in Rockville

City government will be closed Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.

City Hall and the following city facilities will be closed: Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers, the Rockville Senior Center, Croydon Creek Nature Center, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, Glenview Mansion, and the Rockville Civic Center business office.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. For swim and fitness center facility hours, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Recycling and trash collections will occur one day later than usual throughout the week. For more information on recycling and trash collection, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash or call 240-314-8568.

Parking will be free at city-owned meters.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ✚

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A Year After Hitting the Brakes, Car Show Rolls Into Rockville Civic Center Park

Rockville's annual Antique and Classic Car show returns Saturday, Oct. 16 after a one-year pandemic pause.

The 59th annual show will be held 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Rockville Civic Center Park offers a picturesque fall setting for collectors and enthusiasts to share memories of classic cars as they stroll through vehicles from 32 car clubs.

The free show — one of the oldest and the largest in the mid-Atlantic region — will feature a flea market, car sales area and live music by Blue Sky Five. Food and drink will be available for purchase. This event is open to the public. Admission is free, but there is a fee to display a vehicle, with an early bird registration fee of \$10 through Saturday, Sept. 11. Car owners can register their vehicle until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13. After that, owners must register on the day of the event.

To show or sell a car at the show, host a flea market booth, or learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov. Also follow the car show on Facebook.

Baltimore Road Work Continues as Schools Return to Session

Road Closure to Continue Through October for Safety and Access Improvements

As students return to school and traffic ramps up again, commuters are reminded that a portion of Baltimore Road remains closed as construction continues to ultimately improve safety and access along the road.

City staff and the city's contractor notified Montgomery County Public Schools, including the principals of Rockville High School and Meadow Hall Elementary School before the closure, which will continue until late October. The city and its contractor have subsequently provided the school system's transportation department with details of the vehicular and pedestrian detours that are in place to get around the work zone.

Detour signs are posted advising motorists and pedestrians of the closure between Gladstone and Broadwood drives. Vehicles should avoid the area by using MD 28 or following detour signs to Veirs Mill Road to get around the work area by taking Broadwood Drive on the east side of the closure and Edmonston Drive on the west side. Pedestrians should follow pedestrian detour signs on streets to the south of Baltimore Road to get around the work area.

The closure is in place while contractors replace the roadway culvert at the stream crossing near Rockville Cemetery, installing storm drain and restoring the stream. The closed portion of the road is expected to reopen at the conclusion of this phase of construction in mid-October.

After the road reopens, final roadway resurfacing will likely be one of the final steps of the project, which is expected to be completed in spring 2022, if work proceeds as planned.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/baltimoreroadproject.



Rockville and Shady Grove Metro Stations to Close This Month

The Rockville and Shady Grove Metro stations are schedule to be closed from Sept. 11-Dec. 4 for reconstruction and repairs to the canopies over the platforms at those stations.

During construction, Metro's Red Line will terminate at the Twinbrook station. Free shuttle bus service will operate in both directions between Shady Grove, Rockville and Twinbrook. Ride On and Metrobus stops will be temporarily relocated on the station grounds. MARC and Amtrak service will continue to operate, with no disruption to service.

Metro is scheduled to demolish and reconstruct the platform canopy at Rockville and repair the canopy at Shady Grove. Construction will be a 24/7 operation with the noisiest construction, including demolition, conducted during daytime hours, and hauling of materials at night. The Red Line is the oldest line in the Metrorail system and the canopies' concrete beam structures, original to construction in the 1980s, are deteriorating.

"Replacing the canopy at Rockville Station will require heavy equipment

and the demolition of the existing structure, section by section, according to a Metro news release. "The new canopy structure will be pre-fabricated and lifted into place for installation."

The canopy improvements at the Rockville station will also include new, more efficient LED skylights, an upgraded speaker system for station announcements, new digital screens for passenger information and new CCTV cameras for improved security.

Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/delays_detours/metro-station-closures.html for more info.

Improvements to Pedestrian Bridge

Meanwhile, the pedestrian bridge linking Rockville Town Center and the Rockville station over Rockville Pike reopened in mid-August following repairs. The bridge will be accessible during the canopy repairs to allow commuters to access bus stops.

Learn more about the bridge repairs at wmata.com/service/status/details/rockville-pedestrian-bridge-closure.cfm. ❀



The pedestrian bridge linking Rockville Town Center and the Rockville station over Rockville Pike reopened in mid-August.

Mayor and Council Approve Increases to Fire Lane, Hydrant and Handicap Parking Fines

Motorists could face significantly higher fines for illegally parking near fire hydrants, in fire lanes or in designated handicap parking spaces after the Mayor and Council approved increases that bring fines in the City of Rockville in line with those of neighboring jurisdictions.

The following three violations are now subject to fines of \$250:

- Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Parking within lane markings or between signs designating a fire lane.
- Parking in designated handicap parking spaces without a proper permit.

Fines for these violations had not been adjusted in 18 years and were significantly behind those of neighboring jurisdictions. The fine for parking within 15

feet of a fire hydrant had been \$40 since 2003. Fines for parking in fire lanes or handicap spaces had been \$100 since that time.

The fine increases emphasize the seriousness of these violations and underscore the important parking needs of people with disabilities, and of fire and rescue vehicles responding to an emergency. The increases are designed to encourage motorists' compliance with city parking regulations fairly and equitably, while promoting the orderly, free flow of traffic within the city.

For more information, find the staff report and video of the consent agenda vote with the June 21 Mayor and Council agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. ❀

Meet a Rockville Employee: Danny Winborne

Danny Winborne is the new deputy city clerk for the City of Rockville. He joined the city on Monday, June 28. We asked him a few questions about his role to introduce him to the Rockville community.

What did you do before joining the city?

I have an extensive background in the public and private sector information technology field, as well as more than

20 years of local government knowledge and experience. I'm excited to bring my unique style to the City Clerk's Office. My last assignment was a 15-year engagement with Montgomery County Government's Department of Technology Services.

I am completely com-

fortable with my new role and look forward to engaging with the Mayor and Council, the constituents of Rockville, surrounding local and regional government officials, and community leaders.

Tell us about your background.

I moved from Baltimore to Montgomery County several years ago and have immersed myself in school and local and regional community engagement, especially to the Gaithersburg and Rockville communities.

I serve as a planning commissioner in and am president of the Maryland Planning Commissioners Association, a 1,400-plus member organization that offers training, support

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Danny Winborne, Deputy City Clerk

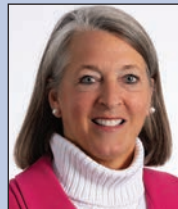
Practice good petiquette in our parks!



WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING? Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15 and runs to Oct. 15. And September is the month for better breakfasts, but also blueberry popsicles, chicken, honey, Italian cheese, mushrooms, papaya, potatoes, rice and wholegrains — so we're torn. This is also the month for national preparedness and don't forget that Sept. 22 is Car Free Day.

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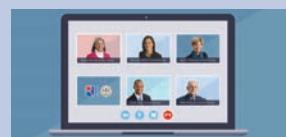
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VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD ONLINE. Meetings are closed to in-person attendance and are livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

Meetings Schedule: Mondays, Sept. 13 and 27 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details.

The Sept. 27 meeting will be preceded by a drop-in session by telephone with Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and Councilmember Mark Pierzchala from 5:30-6:30 p.m. To participate, sign up by 10 a.m. the day of the drop-in at www.rockvillemd.gov/FormCenter/City-Clerk-11/Sign-up-for-Dropin-Meetings-227. If you wish to submit comments in writing for community forum or public hearings, please email mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov by 10 a.m. on the day of. Share comments live during community forum: Sign up by calling the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations at 240-314-8280 by 10 a.m. the day of the meeting. All comments will be acknowledged by the Mayor and Council at the meeting and added to the agenda for public viewing on the website. To practice responsible social distancing, Mayor and Council meetings will be conducted by teleconference and broadcast on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.



City and Community to Meet on Future Use of Town Center Streets

City staff will hold a virtual public meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 to discuss continuing full or partial road closures in Rockville Town Center to accommodate outdoor dining.

The meeting will discuss permanently closing Gibbs Street, and whether to continue the partial closure of, or to fully close, East Montgomery Avenue for continued outdoor dining. The discussion will also consider bicycle and pedestrian traffic within the areas.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to discuss the issue on Monday, Oct. 4.

In June 2020, the city closed Gibbs Street, between East Middle Lane and Beall Avenue, and East Montgomery Avenue, between Maryland Avenue and Helen Heneghan Way, to allow for expanded outdoor dining areas. The city also created a permit to allow local eateries to temporarily create or expand outdoor dining spaces on private property and within the city's rights of way and designated curbside pickup and 15-minute free parking spaces throughout Town Center.

In May, the city worked with Federal Realty to launch the Streeterly on Gibbs in Rockville Town Square, featuring enhanced outdoor seating and a more welcoming environment for people to gather as COVID-19

pandemic restrictions eased and new restaurants opened.

The streeterly concept eliminates or limits vehicular traffic and parking on public streets and rights of way to repurpose the urban, outdoor common space for expanded dining, seating and public use.

Staff also worked with Duball to modify the streeterly on East Montgomery Avenue to allow for eastbound traffic, a pickup/drop-off lane along the south curb, and an outdoor dining tent for World of Beer along the north curb.

Citing the success of outdoor dining and the desire of businesses for it to continue, in July, the Mayor and Council authorized continuing the street closures and pickup lanes through Oct. 31.

Potential options to be considered during the Sept. 9 meeting include whether to continue the street closures year-round with the potential for heated tents, to close streets only in warm-weather months or only on weekends, and whether to temporarily continue 15-minute free curbside pickup parking spaces in Town Center.

Find information for how to join the meeting online with the Sept. 9 calendar listing at www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar.aspx.

For more information, contact Manisha Tewari, principal planner, at mtewari@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8213. ✚

Rockville 2040

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cal policies and actions to achieve those goals.

The Rockville 2040 master plan update process included more than 30 listening sessions and four citywide forums, and completing trend reports addressing land use, community facilities, historic preservation, the economy and the environment.

More than 500 community members attended the listening sessions, offering their visions for the city's next 25 years.

The new plan will replace the city's 2002 comprehensive plan and many of its subsequent amendments.

The comprehensive plan draft is organized in two sections.

The first contains 10 broad, citywide "Elements," including topics such as land use, transportation, recreation and parks, environment, economic development, housing, and municipal growth.

The second section focuses on issues and opportunities specific to 17 neighborhood-scale planning areas.

See the plan or contact principal planner Clark Larson at clarson@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8225 for more information. ✚

Premiering in September

Meet New Deputy City Manager Angela Judge



R11 On Rockville 11 (channel 11 on county cable) and on the City of Rockville's YouTube channel.

Get Involved with the City

- **Send an email** to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the Mayor and Council, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. Find ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

While some meetings are canceled, other boards and commissions meetings will take place virtually. See times and dates, and ways to participate on city's online calendar: www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar.aspx.

- **Sept. 8, 22 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. (Meetings will be held by teleconference. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details closer to the meeting dates.)

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Ethics Commission (2)
- Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission (1)
- Recreation and Park Advisory Board (1)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.



IF YOU GO

- WHAT:** Chamber of Commerce hosts conversation about the city.
- WHEN:** 8-10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17. (program starts at 9 a.m.)
- WHERE:** 603 Edmonston Drive.

Mayor, City Manager to Discuss State of City

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and City Manager Rob DiSpirito will talk about the state of the City of Rockville, Friday, Sept. 17, in an event hosted by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

The conversation will take place 9-10 a.m., outside, at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, moving inside in the event of rain.

For more information, call the Rockville Chamber of Commerce at 301-424-9300, email Dawn Quicksell Hipsley, dawn@rockvillechamber.org, or visit www.rockvillechamber.org.

The event is free and open to the public. ✚

IMPORTANT NUMBERS: Main: 240-314-5000

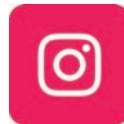
Police Non-emergency: 240-314-8900

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STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

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For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/fraud-waste-abuse.

Tour the Upper Watts Branch Stream Restoration

Join City of Rockville staff for a tour of the Upper Watts Branch Forest Preserve Stream Restoration from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

The project, completed in 2018, enhanced and restored over 2,000 linear feet of stream, protected public utilities, and re-established forested wetland habitat. It won second place for Best Stream Restoration in the Chesapeake Stormwater Network's 2021 Best Urban BMP in the Bay Awards. Better known as the BUBBAs, the program bestows the prestigious regional awards every other year on stormwater projects using BMPs, or best management practices.

The walk will meet at the dead end of Azalea Drive, near Aster Boulevard. Be prepared to walk on forested trails. Sturdy closed-toed shoes and bug spray are recommended. All attendees must bring a face covering and follow the latest Montgomery County guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing.

RSVP to environment@rockvillemd.gov by Monday, Sept. 13.

Can't make it to the walk? Take the updated Upper Watts Branch Stream Virtual Tour at tinyurl.com/upperwatts.

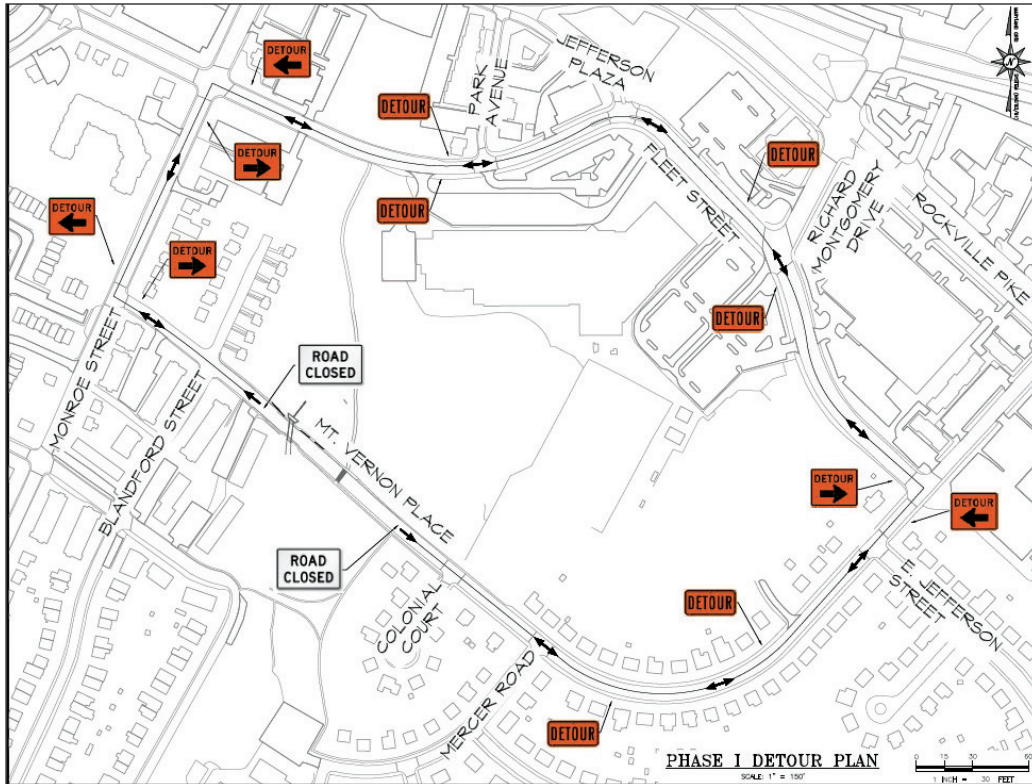
Say 'Yes, Please,' for Free Trees!

The City of Rockville is giving away a limited number of native trees and shrubs.

Rockville Fall Tree Giveaway

- Preregistration is required at www.rockvillemd.gov/environment.
- Pick up trees 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.
- Trees will not be available to walk-ups.
- Rockville residents only. Limit two trees per household.
- All participants must follow the latest guidelines from Montgomery County regarding face coverings and social distancing.

For questions, email environment@rockvillemd.gov.



Portion of Mt. Vernon Place to Close for Stormwater Management Project

A portion of Mt. Vernon Place is scheduled to close for four months, beginning in September, as part of the city's improvements to the Mt. Vernon stormwater management facility.

Mt. Vernon Place will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians from Blandford Street to Colonial Court beginning on or about Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Vehicles should utilize Fleet Street or follow posted detour signs to get around the work area.

Pedestrians should fol-

low pedestrian detour signs on streets or continue to utilize the Elwood Smith Park paved pedestrian path. Elwood Smith Park will remain open during construction.

The closure is expected to last until mid-January.

During the closure, city contractors will replace the culvert at the stream crossing near the Elwood Smith Park baseball/softball field. The project will also deepen portions of the pond to increase the stormwater management facility's water quality treat-

ment capacity. Doing so helps prevent erosion and flooding downstream and reduces pollution in local tributaries that flow to the Chesapeake Bay.

The facility, near Richard Montgomery High School, was designed and constructed in 1980 and was retrofitted in 2003. This latest project addresses sediment buildup from the last 18 years.

Learn more about the project at RockvilleReports.com/city-awarded-state-grant-for-mt-vernon-stormwater-project.

Rockville's Climate Action Plan Taking Shape

Mayor and Council to Take Up Plan in Fall

Rockville is developing the city's first Climate Action Plan.

The city has worked on programs to reduce emissions and build resiliency over the past decade. With the Climate Action Plan, city government is working with community members to develop a comprehensive list of actions for addressing climate change and reducing emissions by 2030.

The Mayor and Council are expected to take up the plan this fall.

Find results of the recently completed community survey and view a draft list of actions at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate.

Employee Spotlight

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and advocacy to planning commissions and boards of appeals members and affiliates throughout Maryland.

What else should we know?

My extensive professional experience and personal relationship building background allows me to bring a great skillset to the city and has enabled me to hit the ground running in the busy City Clerk's Office. I look forward to immediately adding value, integrity and great service to an already well-run organization.

I'm a graduate of Morgan State University with a degree in economics and systems analysis; and I also earned graduate degrees from Johns Hopkins University in Business (Information Technology Management) and an MBA.

On a personal note, I am passionate about singing and photography.

Learn more about the City Clerk's Office/Director of Council Operations at www.rockvillemd.gov/128/City-Clerk-Director-of-Council-Operation.

DON'T FLUSH YOUR MONEY DOWN THE TOILET

\$250
to clear a simple clog

\$600
to clear a clogged main line

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to clean and replace property after a sewage backup

Toilets aren't trash cans.
Keep these items out of the bowl to prevent costly clogs

- Sanitary pads and tampons
- "Flushable" wipes and diapers
- Dental floss and whitening strips
- Condoms and bandages
- Cat litter
- Medications
- Cotton swabs
- Hair

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City Police Host Community Open House


An open house at the city's police station this month offers an opportunity to get to know the men and women who protect and serve Rockville.

The Rockville City Police Department will welcome the community to an all-outdoor open house from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at 2. W. Montgomery Ave., featuring vehicle and equipment displays, K-9 demonstrations, a moon bounce, games, a DJ, food,

treats, information booths, a visit by McGruff the Crime Dog, and the opportunity to meet city police officers. Free parking will be available in the parking garage at 77 S. Washington St., adjacent to the police station, and just two blocks away at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Find video of RCPD's 2019 open house at youtu.be/PV08U0JfF4I.

Learn more about the RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ❄



WHAT IS VISION ZERO?

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic and pedestrian fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, fair mobility for all.

What can people do to get involved with Vision Zero?

- ▶ The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee, the Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee and the Traffic and Transportation Commission meet regularly to discuss transportation safety issues and welcome your participation.
- ▶ Read "Rockville Reports," watch Rockville 11 and follow the city on social media for opportunities to offer input on the Vision Zero Action Plan and the city's pedestrian master plan.
- ▶ If you see something that could immediately improve safety, let us know. Visit rockvillemd.gov to "Report a concern."
- ▶ Become an ambassador for safety by spreading the word about what Vision Zero is and how it can benefit the community.
- ▶ Let the city know of groups that the city should identify for outreach about Vision Zero and its mission.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzero



Rockville Farmers Market

SATURDAYS
May 15-Nov. 20 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.
 WIC and EBT/SNAP accepted.

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Census Shows Rockville's Changing Population

The City of Rockville is now Maryland's fourth most populous incorporated place – down from third a decade ago, according to results of the 2020 census released in August.

According to the census, which is conducted every 10 years, on April 1, 2020, the population of the City of Rockville totaled 67,117 people. This was an increase of 5,908 people (9.7%) from 2010 when the city's population was 61,209.

Data for Maryland shows that the five most populous incorporated places were, in order: Baltimore city, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Rockville and Bowie.

The number of people who identify as "white alone" in Rockville dropped from

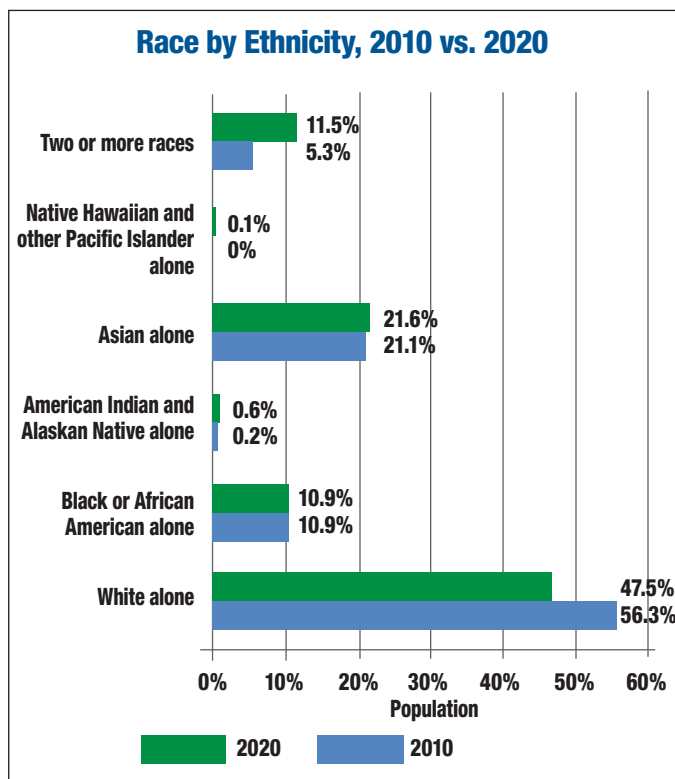
85.8% in 1980 to 47.5% in 2020. Montgomery County saw a similar decrease.

Rockville's breakdown of race by ethnicity in 2020 was:

- White alone: 31,837 (47.5%).
- Black or African American alone: 7,329 (10.9%).
- Asian alone: 14,477 (21.6%).
- Two or more races: 7,738 (11.5%).
- Some other race alone: 5,302 (7.9%).
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone: 394 (0.6%).
- Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone: 40 (0.1%).

City staff will update data and trends as the U.S. Census Bureau makes data available.

For more information, visit www.census.gov. ❄



Human Rights Commission Seeks Student Ambassadors

Rockville's Human Rights Commission is seeking 10 students to serve as HRC Student Ambassadors in its third annual Student Ambassador Program.

Ambassadors will serve as liaisons between the HRC and their high schools. The program will accept two students each from Richard Montgomery, Rockville and Thomas S. Wootton high schools, and four students who attend other Rockville high schools or who live in Rockville but attend high schools outside Rockville. Students must be 10th-, 11th-, or 12th-graders. Student Service Learning hours will be available.

HRC student ambassadors will serve an eight-month term, starting in October, and will:

- Participate in HRC meetings and teleconferences.
- Act as a liaison between the HRC and the student ambassador's school, including faculty, student organizations and the student body at large.
- Assist the HRC in planning and executing programs and initiatives, including promotion, volunteer recruitment, fundraising and other activities.
- Provide suggestions and feedback on ways to improve HRC programs and initiatives.

An application is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights. Apply by 5 p.m. Sept. 24. If necessary, virtual interviews for selected applicants will held Oct. 4-8.

Rockville Public Safety Awards to Honor City First Responders in September

Rockville Public Safety Awards Moves Outdoors

Due to changing health conditions, the Rockville Public Safety Awards will not return to Lakewood Country Club this year, but will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the plaza of the Montgomery County Executive Office Building/Montgomery County Circuit Court at 101 Monroe St.

Admission to this outdoor ceremony is free.

Now in its 32nd year, the program, presented by the City of Rockville, Rockville Chamber of Commerce and city service organizations, honors members of the Rockville City Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the Montgomery County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Marji Graf at 301-424-9300 or marji@rockvillechamber.org.

Safety While Driving: Crime Prevention Tips

Anyone can become a victim of a crime of opportunity. The Rockville City Police Department offers these tips to protect you from crime while driving:

- Always keep your car doors locked, whether you are in or out of your car.
- If your car breaks down, pull over to the right as far as possible, raise the hood and wait inside the locked car for help. Avoid getting out of the car and making yourself a target before police arrive.
- Travel well-lit and busy streets. Plan your route.
- If you carry a purse, don't leave your purse on the seat beside you. Put it on the floor, where it is more difficult for someone to grab it.
- Lock bundles or bags in the trunk. If interesting packages are out of sight, a thief will be less tempted to break in to steal them.
- When returning to your car, check the front and back seat before entering.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.

Remember that crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. Find more crime and safety tips with the RCPD's weekly crime reports at www.rockvillemd.gov/271/Weekly-Crime-Reports.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ... September is National Preparedness Month. Are you ready? The Rockville City Police Department offers a list of items to have in a kit at home and a "go" bag, in case you have to leave home fast, due to an emergency. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/272/Emergency-Preparedness for the list, as well as tips for creating a family emergency plan and about staying informed during an emergency. Visit ready.gov/september for more.

Arts Commission to Hold Listening Session on COVID-19 Impact

The City of Rockville's Cultural Arts Commission wants to know how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the city's arts communities and if it can help.

The commission will hold a virtual listening session from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The commission wishes to hear from groups that provide arts and cultural services to Rockville residents, for example, visual or performing arts nonprofits, arts educators, artist co-ops, music studios, dance studios and international groups.

To register, visit bit.ly/CACrkv21. For more information, email rockvillecac@gmail.com.

Learn more about the Cultural Arts Commission at www.rockvillemd.gov/104/Cultural-Arts-Commission.

Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project to Hold Remembrance Pilgrimage Walk and Soil Collection Ceremony

The Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project invites the public to a remembrance pilgrimage walk and soil collection ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 26.

The walk and ceremony will memorialize two men who were lynched in Rockville. John Diggs-Dorsey, a man in his early 20s from Darnestown, was dragged from the county jail and lynched in 1880. Sidney Randolph, a native of Georgia in his mid-20s, was lynched in 1896.

The walk, from noon-3 p.m., will begin at the site of the old county jail (now the County Council Building, at 100 Maryland Ave.). It will pass places central to the African American community and where the men were lynched. Parts of the walk will follow routes taken by the lynch mobs, ending at Welsh Park at Martins Lane and Mannakee Street. The walk is limited to 100 people. Registration is required by Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The soil collection ceremony, held at Welsh Park from 4-5:30 p.m., will include stories of what took place, music and reflections from local leaders and representatives of the Equal Justice Initiative. *Attendance numbers at the ceremony are not limited, but registration is requested.*

To register, visit mdlynchingmemorial.wixsite.com/montco/events2. For more information, email MOCOLynchingmemorial@gmail.com.

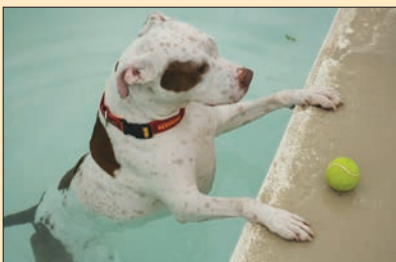
These events are part of Remembrance Weekend, in partnership with the Montgomery County Remembrance and Reconciliation Commission, Montgomery History, Peerless Rockville and other community partners. It will include a symposium hosted by Montgomery History on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Pup Misses Pool? Doggie Dip Day Returns

Fidos and fidefesses will be back on deck this month at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's recreation pool. That's right — Doggie Dip Day has returned!

For only \$5 per pooch, your fur baby will be able to splash around at one of the city's most-loved events.

Humans can enter for free, but won't be allowed in the water due to health and safety reasons.



Proof of a current rabies vaccination (either a certificate of vaccination or veterinarian's letter) is required for entry (for your dog, not you). Dogs without vaccination won't be allowed to enter.

Doggie Dip Day will be held rain or shine, noon-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. For more information, email swimcenter@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8750.

Health and Wellness, Coming Up at the Senior Center

Stay home and stay well with free online seminars from the Rockville Senior Center in September.

Register with the course number online at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. Learn more about 60-plus programs, courses, activities and services at www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter or calling 240-314-8800. Sessions are free and run from 1-2 p.m., except where noted.

Stress Reduction/Meditation

Tools to focus, relax, and come to a more peaceful sense of being with meditation and discussion. Course #20132, Sept. 13-Nov. 15. Members, \$30; Nonmembers, \$40.

Successful Aging

September is a healthy ageing month. Discuss the changes that accompany aging and learn techniques to keep mind, body and spirit healthy. Presented

by Adventist HealthCare. Course #19602, Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Best Foot Forward

Learn common problems that can affect your mobility and comfort with orthopedic foot and ankle surgeon John Thompson. Course #19484, Thursday, Sept. 23.

Fall Risk Screening

Fall-prevention education from Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital staff. Complete a questionnaire to assess risk of falls. Learn exercises you can do at home, or be referred for outpatient physical therapy. Course #19032, Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Skin Care Clinic

A dermatologist is available for consultations on the second Thursday of each month, by appointment only. Insurance will be charged. Call 1-877-345-5300 for an appointment. ✚

Speaker Series to Highlight Rockville Science Center

The Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series will highlight the history of the Rockville Science Center in a virtual presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9.

Bob Ekman, trustee president, will take attendees on a pictorial journey through "30 years of Growth, Providing Opportunities to Engage in Science and Engineering."

Since 1989, the Rockville Science Center and its predecessor, the Rockville

Consortium for Science, has provided opportunities for the community to take part in science and engineering activities.

The center started with Rockville Science Day, a community science festival at Montgomery College. They now have an activity almost every day at their facility in downtown Rockville.

Register for the event, held via Zoom, at www.peerlessrockville.org. ✚

John Edgar Wideman to be Honored with F. Scott Fitzgerald Award

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival will honor prolific award-winning author John Edgar Wideman, on Saturday, Oct. 30, with the 2021 F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature.

The award has been presented to some of America's most distinguished writers, including Richard Russo, Annie Proulx, Norman Mailer, Pat Conroy, John Updike, Joyce Carol Oates and Amy Tan.

The festival's 2021 keynote speaker will be Michael Dirda, a Pulitzer Prize-winning critic for "The Washington Post Book World."

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival was established in 1996 to celebrate the centenary of F. Scott Fitzgerald's birth and the city where Fitzgerald, his wife and daughter are buried — the festival is co-sponsored by the City of Rockville and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc. The festival is for writers, book lovers and Fitzgerald fans.

Major events for the 2021 festival will be held throughout September and October. This year's festival events will be held virtually. See the website for details. For the most up-to-date information on the festival's schedule, visit www.fscottfestival.org/schedule.

• From 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, D. Quentin Miller

will lead a discussion of "Brothers & Keepers," Wideman's memoir.

- At 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Fitzgerald's 125th birthday, the festival will present a showing of "Gatsby in Connecticut," a documentary about Fitzgerald's time in Westport, Connecticut, and how it influenced the writing of "The Great Gatsby," followed by a discussion with the film's producer Robert Williams, and Fitzgerald scholar and documentary participant Walter Raubicheck.
- The festival will recognize winners of the annual F. Scott Fitzgerald short story contest for students and adults, Thursday, Oct. 21.
- At 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, the festival and The Writer's Center in Bethesda will present "Readings in Tribute to John Edgar Wideman."
- The conference's main day, Saturday, Oct. 30, will include morning and afternoon writing workshops designed for both emerging and established fiction and non-fiction writers; a master class about writing with Wideman; and the awards ceremony, featuring a reading by Wideman.

For more information, and to register, visit www.fscottfestival.org or call 301-309-9461. ✚



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September CALENDAR

FACILITIES LEGEND:

- CC** Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
- GM** Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
- FSF** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.
- LP** Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.

- CH** Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
- SR** Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.
- SFC** Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
- TF** Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
- TC** Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.

- V** Virtual Program/Offering
- F** Facebook Live Event



2,16 POSITIVE AGING PROGRAM: WOMEN LIVING ALONE **V** A support group where members support each other by listening, expressing concern, and offering tips, suggestions and advice. Call 240-314-8800 to register. Join virtually or by phone. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

3,10,17 POSITIVE AGING PROGRAM: MANAGING STRESS DURING THE PANDEMIC **V** An ongoing support and educational group to help cope with isolation, anxiety, depression, loss, etc., as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn coping skills from facilitator and each other. Join virtually or by phone. Meets every Friday. Free. 11 a.m.-noon. **SR**

4,11,18,25 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET Jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

4,5 ROCKVILLE ARTS FESTIVAL. See ad on page 6. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Town Square.

6 LABOR DAY. City government closed. See article on page 1.

7 SOCIAL CONNECTIONS. Drop in, chat with fellow members, meet staff, try a new arts and crafts project. Register with course #19710. 10-11 a.m. **SR**

7,21 RELATING TO YOUR ADULT CHILDREN Explore motives behind hurtful behavior and discuss ways to set protective boundaries, promote healthier relationships with adult children and advocate for your needs. Meets first and third Tuesdays. 2:30-4 p.m. **SR**

8 ROCKVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS. See article on page 5. 11:30 a.m. Plaza of the Montgomery County Executive Office Building/Montgomery County Circuit Court, 101 Monroe St.

9 DISCUSSION OF TOWN CENTER ROAD CLOSURES. **V** See article on page 3. 1 p.m.

9 GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: ROCKVILLE SCIENCE CENTER. See article on page 6. 7 p.m.

10-12 ROCK EAST DISTRICT CELEBRATION. See article on page 8.

10 SEPT. 11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY. See article on page 8. 11 a.m. Courthouse Square Park, corner of East Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue.

11 DOGGY DIP DAY. See article on page 6. Noon-2 p.m. @ Rockville Swim and Fitness Center

12 FAMILIES OUTSIDE: CREEK INVESTIGATIONS. Explore the habitats of the John Hayes Forest Preserve with your family in naturalist-led nature outings. Adults and children must register. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a towel. 2-3 p.m. **CC**

13 ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE: REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY. See article on page 1. 5 p.m. **CH**

14,28 POSITIVE AGING PROGRAM: BRAIN GAMES **V** Work your brain and compete with peers in various games and puzzles. Meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Join virtually or by phone. Free. 2:30-4 p.m. **SR**

14,28 ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE, NARCAN TRAINING. **V** See article on page 1. (Note times: Noon, Sept. 14; 6 p.m. Sept. 28).

18 FALL BIRD WALK. A socially distant morning walk for beginning birders. Learn how to use binoculars, how to identify common local species, how to use bird guides and apps, and more. Binoculars provided or bring your own. Ages 18 and older. 8-9:30 a.m. **CC**

18 UPPER WATTS BRANCH STREAM RESTORATION WALK. See article on page 4. 9-11 a.m. Upper Watts Branch Park.

18 ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE: DRUG TAKE-BACK. See article on page 1. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville City Police Department, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.

18 ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE: THE START OF THE STIGMA OF OPIOID ADDICTION. **V** A viewing of the HBO documentary, "The Crime of the Century," featuring Jonathan Novak and guests. See article on page 1. 6 p.m.

22 OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB: ACORNS Form a nature exploration pod and spend the hour outdoors investigating and learning about nature with experienced naturalists. Dress for the weather and wear a mask. Meets every other week for four sessions. Ages 6-8. 4-5 p.m. **CC**

23 BEST FOOT FORWARD. **V** Learn common problems that can affect your mobility and comfort from orthopedic foot and ankle surgeon John Thompson. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

24,25,26 "RUMORS," PRESENTED BY ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE. See article on page 8. **FSF**

25 LITTLE EXPLORERS Go on hiking adventures with our naturalists, play games and discover the fun that can be had outdoors. Spaces are limited. Dress for the weather; wear a mask. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 2-5. 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon. Register for one session only. **CC**

25 TAIWAN BUBBLE TEA FESTIVAL. See ad on page 8. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

25 ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE OPEN HOUSE. See article on page 5. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville City Police Department, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.

26 OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB: SAPLINGS. Form a nature exploration pod and spend the hour outdoors investigating and learning about nature with experienced naturalists. Dress for the weather and wear a mask. Meets every other week for four sessions. Ages 9-11. 2-3 p.m. **CC**

26 MONTGOMERY COUNTY LYNCHING MEMORIAL PROJECT REMEMBRANCE PILGRIMAGE WALK. See article on page 6. Noon-3 p.m.

28 FALL RISK SCREENING. **V** Receive fall-prevention education from Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital staff and complete a questionnaire to assess your risk of falls. Receive exercises you can do at home or be referred for outpatient physical therapy. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

29 SENIOR HOUSING MADE SIMPLE. Oasis senior advisors provide details of senior housing options in the area. Register with course #20552. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

30 DECLUTTERING. **V** Tips on getting rid of things you no longer want or need, and to identify organizations for their distribution. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

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FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX

Applications Being Accepted for Community Development Block Grants

The City of Rockville is now accepting online applications for an anticipated \$263,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funding for the fall of Fiscal Year 2023.

The CDBG program is a federal grant for housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals, and provides grants to housing providers for housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households or neighborhoods.

The Mayor and Council will hold a virtual public hearing on community needs for CDBG projects at 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13. Applicants are encouraged to attend and instructions for how to join the meeting will be included in the agenda accompanying the meeting, which will be published at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter, closer to the date.

Fiscal Year 2023 grants will fund projects from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Application instructions and the online application can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/942/Community-Development-Block-Grant.

Contact Allison Hoy at 240-314-8304 or ahoy@rockvillemd.gov for more information. ✚

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regional authorities and economic development authorities.

Dawson began his legal career as a corporate attorney for law firms in New York City and Silicon Valley. However, his passion for public service and desire to make a difference led him to the practice of local government law.

Dawson was raised by a single mother and is the first in his family to graduate from college. After initially attending a community college, Dawson received a Bachelor of Science from Tuskegee University, a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, and a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Berkeley. ✚

Survey Launched to Investigate Scope of Social Justice, Racism, Bias and Wellness in Rockville

The Human Rights and Human Services Advisory commissions of the City of Rockville have launched a communitywide survey to assess the state of social justice, racism, bias and wellness in the city.

The survey is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese and Korean. More information and a link to the survey are available at www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights, or scan the QR code. The survey can be taken anonymously and will remain open for at least 60 days.

Paper surveys are available on request by calling the Dept. of Housing and Community Development at 240-314-8300. ✚



10K/5K Registering Runners Now!

The 46th annual Rockville 10K/5K is registering runners until Nov. 3. The oldest continuing foot race in Montgomery County — which includes a 1-mile fun run for kids — will take place the morning of Sunday, Nov. 7.

The kids 1-mile fun run begins at 8:10 a.m. The 10K starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:45 a.m. Runners should arrive before 8 a.m., at which time streets leading to the race will be closed to ensure a prompt start.

Registration costs \$35 online or by mail-in through Friday, Nov. 5, and \$45 for in-person or online registration after that.

The course travels along Redland Boulevard (west of Grand Champion Drive), Gaither Road and Piccard and West Gude drives. For more information, a course map and to register, visit www.rockville10k5k.com.

Great Performances to Resume in September at the F. Scott Theater

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre reopens this month, starting with six shows of Rockville Little Theatre's "Rumors."

Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 24, 25 and Oct. 1, 2 at 8 p.m.; Sundays, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$22; \$20 for seniors 62 and older and students.

For tickets or more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, call the box office at 240-314-8690, or email theatre@rockvillemd.gov. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located at 603 Edmonston Drive.

Rockville Ready to Rocktoberfest Again in October

Rocktoberfest returns to Rockville Town Center on Saturday, Oct. 2 for a day of bands, beers and getting back to gathering together.

In its fifth year, the free outdoor festival, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., will include three stages of live music, food, beer sales by local breweries, and an artisans shopping area.

German and rock music acts will take the stage, including Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad, The Reflex, Capital Effect, Alte Kumpel Band, Rockville German Band and Polkadelphia. Kidsinger Jim and D's Magic will offer entertainment for the kids.

Featured beverage vendors will include 7 Locks Brewing, Brookeville Beer Farm, Crooked Crab Brewing Company, Dawson's Market, Lone Oak Farm Brewing Co.,



Pour Vino n' Hops, Silver Branch Brewing Co., True Respite Brewing Company, Twin Valley Distillers, Waredaca Brewing Company, and World of Beer.

The festival is within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station. While the Metrorail station will be closed (see article on page 2), free Metro shuttles will be available between

Shady Grove, Rockville and Twinbrook stations. Event parking will be \$5 in the Rockville Town Square garages. Free parking locations include the County Council Office Building on Fleet Street, and the City Hall lot at 111 Maryland Ave.

Find the schedule of entertainment and more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest. 🍁

City to Join County in Marking 20th Anniversary of the Sept. 11 Attacks

The City of Rockville and Montgomery County will remember county residents who lost their lives 20 years ago as community members gather for a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10 at Courthouse Square Park, at the corner of East Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue in Rockville's downtown.

The ceremony will include a presentation of colors by members of the county fire and rescue service, police and sheriff's office and remarks by County Executive Marc Elrich, Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and County Council President Tom Hucker. Members of the County Council and Rockville City Council will read the names of victims of the terrorist attacks.

The 9/11 Memorial at Courthouse Square Park remembers the 11 Montgomery County residents who lost their lives on Sept. 11: William Edward Caswell, Dr. Gerald Paul Fisher, Capt. Lawrence D. Getzfred, Michele M. Heidenberger, Angela Marie Houtz, Teddington Hamm Moy, Lt. Darin H. Pontell, Scott A. Powell, Todd Hayes Reuben, Patricia J. Statz and Ernest M. Willcher.

The memorial, commissioned by the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council and designed by artists Gene and Susan Flores, includes a grassy area circled by 11 benches — one dedicated to each victim, with an inscription related to that person's character. It also includes a plaque, covered by two doors, bearing the victims' names. The artists worked with astronomers to design the memorial so that on Sept. 11 the morning sun briefly illuminates each name. 🍁

New Rock East District to be Celebrated with Weekend of Events

Celebrations will mark the opening of a new destination in the city — the Rock East District, which gathers Rockville's artists, professionals, makers and tradespeople together into a defined geographic location.

The district, which runs along East Gude Drive from Frederick Road to Norbeck Drive, includes more than 60 area businesses, or "makers and traders," as well as parks and trails. Businesses represented in the new district include breweries, a distill-

ery, restaurants, trails, sports, retail, auto repair and home improvement.

The Rock East District, also known as "RED," was initiated by Rockville Economic Development, Inc. in response to a desire to highlight Rockville's commercial neighborhoods. The Mayor and Council formally recognized the new district at their Monday, July 19 meeting.

A weekend of events to recognize the opening of the newly designated area is planned from Friday, Sept.

10 to Sunday, Sept. 12. The weekend's events include:

The Rockville Bike Advisory Committee leading a bike tour on Friday, Sept. 10, that begins and ends at True Respite Brewery.

At 11 a.m., those involved in the creation of the Rockville East District will take part in a ribbon cutting.

A makers' market will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11.

For more details, visit rockeastdistrict.com. 🍁

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The Rockville Sister City Corporation Invites you to join us for



Sat., Sept. 25 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Rockville Town Square

This family and kid friendly event* is open to all and includes live bands and other cultural performances as well as vendors offering bubble tea, traditional cuisine and commemorative merchandise. Come and join the fun at Rockville Town Square!

Contact the Rockville Sister City Corporation at email: RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com phone: 240-314-5029 or visit www.rockvillesistercities.org



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Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.



BACK IN THE DAY ... The latest installment of Rockville's Art in Public Places was just outside the newly modernized and expanded city maintenance facility, off of Gude Drive, in September 2013. The new stainless-steel sculpture by artist David Hess represented the dedicated work of Rockville's Department of Public Works and Recreation and Parks Department.